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PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION APPROVED FOR LOUISIANA

FEMA DIRECTOR JOE ALLBAUGH TO VISIT TODAY

Baton Rouge, June 12, 2001 – Late Monday afternoon, President Bush approved a request by Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr. for Federal assistance in response to the devastation caused by Tropical Storm Allison beginning on or about June 5, 2001. Federal disaster aid has been made available to help families and businesses recover from the effects of this slow moving storm that inundated areas of southern Louisiana.

Both Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) were designated for ten Louisiana parishes. Those parishes are: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, St. Martin, Terrebonne, and Vermilion. Other parishes with State declarations will be evaluated as Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) are completed and may be included in the Federal declaration at a later date.

Individual Assistance is defined as assistance to families and individuals in the form of temporary housing assistance, Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans or grants. Affected homeowners without flood insurance may apply for low interest SBA loans or, they may qualify for grants that do not have to be reimbursed. Homeowners with insurance should contact their policy providers for flood coverage. Homeowners with insurance may still apply for SBA loans to fund recovery efforts.

Public Assistance is defined as assistance to State and local governments for the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged public facilities and emergency related expenditures at predetermined matching rates set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Joint FEMA/State/Local PDA teams continue to assess damage in the undeclared areas to determine if the losses meet Federal Presidential declaration criteria. Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will be opened at yet to be determined locations in several areas. Updated information will be released as it becomes available regarding these centers. Affected homeowners should report their losses to FEMA for this disaster by calling 1-800-462-9029.

Information related to Tropical Storm Allison can be found on the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness website at <http://www.lope.state.la.us>. Flood recovery guidelines are also available on the website. Affected residents in the above listed parishes should stay tuned to local broadcast and print media for important Federal assistance information. Homeowners should contact their insurance providers regarding flood losses.

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